### Weekday Readings

Monday, Apr. 20: ACTS 6:8-15; JN 6:22-29 Tuesday, Apr. 21: ACTS 7:51-8:1A JN 6:30-35 Wednesday, Apr. 22: ACTS 8:1B-8: JN 6:35-40 Thursday, Apr. 23: ACTS 8:26-40; JN 6:44-51 Friday, Apr. 24: ACTS 9:1-20; JN 6:52-59 Saturday, Apr. 25: 1 PT 5:5B-14; MK 16:15-20

Sunday, Apr. 26: ACTS 4:8-12; 1 JN 3:1-2; JN 10:11-18

# **Prayer List**

Please pray for: Bishop John Kinney, Dorothy Ludwig, Lori Crozon, Lisa Heinen, Jane Anderson, Lucille Lahr, Tim Eder, Elizabeth Mills, Jackie Boulton Family, Ruth Johnson, Carol Bacon and Theresa Welle.

**† Rest in Peace** Norbert "Sonny" Hennen, 81, of Watkins, passed away on April 11th. The funeral Mass was held on April 16th at the Church of St. Anthony. Please keep Norbert and his family and friends in your thoughts and prayers.

### **Activities & Announcements**

### Catholicism Series

The Catholicism DVD Series study group will next meet on April 24th for the evening session (6:30-8:00) and will meet next on May 1 for the morning session (after Mass) at the Assumption Church. All are welcome, anytime!

Monday: 8:00-11:00 Assumption, 11:30-4:30 St. Anthony

Tuesday: 7:30-4:00 St. Anthony

Wednesday: 7:30-10:30 St. Anthony, 11:00-3:00 Assumption

Thursday: 7:30-4:00 St. Anthony

Friday: 8:00-11:00 Assumption 11:30-3:30 St. Anthony

# **Parish Secretary Hours**

(These hours are subject to change. It is always best to call before you come.)



# **Local Events**

April 22<sup>nd</sup>: Annual Senior Citizen Banquet, doors open at 4 pm and dinner will be served at 5:30 pm. Advance tickets: \$8 through community ed and \$10 at the door. This event is put on by the EVW Community Education 453-2900 ext. 1139.

April 26th: Annual Swanycake & Sausage Supper, Church of St. Anthony, Albany. All you can eat 3:00 PM - 8:30 PM.

May 6th: The American Red Cross will be in Eden Valley from 1:00-7:00 PM at the St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Contact Bonnie at 282-1468 to schedule your appointment. Bring along your ID- it is required to donate.



# **Wedding Banns**

To be married in Christ:

-Holly Kramer & Lincoln Haugen on April 25, 2015 at the St. Anthony Church.

-April Ruprecht & Luke Hentges on May 2, 2015 at the Assumption Church.

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# April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015

3rd Sunday of Easter

Fr. Jerome Naduvathaniyil, OSB Fr. Richard Gross, Retired Priest Welcome to the Catholic Faith Community of



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**STEUBENVILLE** SPOT All Parents of youth that are open to the idea of awakening and strengthening your children and our vouth in their relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church. Steubenville Conference is a Catholic Event that can lead them in that direction. Our youth are being led by society in so many different ways, many of which are away from their faith. Steubenville gives youth an opportunity to really hear and feel the gospel message of Jesus Christ, to help them deal with the many challenging aspects of their lives according to His teachings. This year's theme is **LIMPLESS**, John 10:10. The Assumption/St. Anthony parishes are currently planning on taking a group of students to the Steubenville/St. Paul Conference on July 24-25, 2015. This is a GREAT opportunity for all youth. We are also looking for parish prayer partners, scholarship donors to help those students that have a need to defray registration costs. For more info please see attached flyer.

# **Assumption Mass Intentions**

Monday, Apr. 20: 8:00 a.m. Communion Service Tuesday, Apr. 21: 8:00 a.m. Communion Service Wednesday, Apr. 22: 8:00 a.m. Mass- Sally Nistler Thursday, Apr. 23: 8:00 a.m. Communion Service Friday, Apr. 24: 8:00 a.m. Mass - Ralph Haan Saturday, Apr. 25: 7:00 p.m. Mass - Ray Tschumperlin Sunday, Apr. 26: 10:00 a.m. Mass - 1st Communion Children

# St. Anthony Mass Intentions

Tuesday, Apr. 21: 9:30 a.m. Mass at Hilltop - Julius Faber Thursday, Apr. 23: 8:30 a.m. Mass at Manor - Mike & Arletta Turner Friday, Apr 24: 9:15 a.m. Communion Service at Hilltop Saturday, Apr. 25: 4:00 p.m. Mass - Shelva Steman Sunday, Apr. 26: 8:00 a.m. Mass - People of the Parish

\*Reconciliation: Saturdays at 3:30 p.m. at St. Anthony's Saturdays at 6:30 p.m. at Assumption

# A Message from Father Jerome



The common theme of today's readings is the challenge to adjust our lives in the living presence of the risen Lord, well aware of his presence, within us and all around us as his Holy Spirit. This awareness should strengthen our hope in his promises, bring us to the true repentance for our sins and the renewal of our lives, and lead us to bear witness to Christ by our works of charity. The readings also remind us that the purpose of the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus was to save us from sins.

The same Jesus who, in the upper room of the Cenacle, prepared his disciples for their preaching and witnessing mission, is present with us in the Eucharistic celebration. In the "Liturgy of the Word of God," Jesus speaks to us. In the "Liturgy of Bread and Wine," Jesus becomes our spiritual food and drink. Thus, today's gospel scene is repeated every Sunday on our parish altars. Like the early disciples, we come together to repent of our sins, express our gratitude for the blessings received, listen to God's words and offer our lives to God along with our petitions and His gifts of bread and wine. We also share in the spiritual food Jesus supplies, thus gaining the strength necessary for sharing his message with the entire world mainly by living transparent Christian lives.



Rest in Peace: We are saddened to announce the death of Father Bernard Gruenes. Father Gruenes, originally from the Assumption Parish, 81, passed away on April 16th. The Funeral Mass will be on Tuesday, April 21st at the St. Mary's Cathedral in St. Cloud at 11:00 AM. Please keep Father Gruenes and his family and friends in your thoughts and prayers. Contact Jeanne Schmitz, 453-5535 or Tom Ruhland, 453-2575 for transportation details.

# Church of the Assumption Bulletin Notes

# **Upcoming Events**

Sunday, April 19: Spring Brunch, 9AM-1 PM Saturday, April 25: 1st Communion Practice, 9:30 AM Sunday, April 26: 1st Communion, 10:00 AM

### Ministry Schedule: April 25 & 26

Greeters/Gift Bearers: 7 p.m. Randy & Heidi Kuechle Greeters: 10 a.m. Bill & Beth Hesse

Lectors: 7 p.m. Bill Tschumperlin 10 a.m. 1st Communion Students

**Ushers:** 7 p.m. Leander Thielen, Nick Thielen & Jim Rademacher 10 a.m. Joel Thielen, Josh Bischof,

Francis Theis & Gary Sogge

Ministers of Communion- H.M: Julie Ruprecht & Beth Hesse 7 p.m. Anna Mae Gruenes, Sarah Kuechle & Edith Fink 10 a.m. Jim Schutz, Kris Gruenes & Rhonda Kuechle

Servers: 7 p.m. Meryl Kuechle, Jamison Kuechle, Kendra Kuechle & Volunteer 10 a.m. Peyton Thul, Ethan Laudenbach, McKenna Moehrle & Taylor Ludwig

Parking Lot Attendants for 1st Communion: Kevin Nohner & Brian Nohner

Rosary Leaders: April 20-24 Mary Jo Ruhland 7 p.m. Anna Mae Gruenes 10 a.m. 1st Communion

Music: 7 p.m. Chloe Cutten 10 a.m. Guitar Group

Collection Counters: Pat Arnold, Deb Huschle & Pat Schlangen

Children's Liturgy: 1st Sunday: Helen Theis

2nd Sunday: High School Youth 3rd Sunday: Molly Z. & Janet Binsfeld 4th Sunday: Jenni Scherer

5th Sunday: Helen Theis

# **Financial Blessings**

Parish Income	4/12/15	4/16/15
Loose Plate	68.02	115.75
Adult Envelopes	1875.00	2187.00
Easter	2380.00	550.00
Youth Envelopes	13.63	24.25
Votive	35.00	29.00
Good Friday	40.00	0
Total	\$4411.65	\$2906.00

Thank you for your Donations! Mass Attendance:
Apr. 11, 7 p.m. 94

Easter 2014: \$8731.26
Easter 2015: \$7978.25

Mass Attendance:
Apr. 12, 8 a.m. 135
Total

Total



# Assumption Spring Brunch

Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM. To include: smoked sausage, scrambled eggs, hash browns, fruit, bread, sweet rolls and a beverage. Adults: \$8, Children 5-10: \$4 and 4 & under: free.

### Thank you!

A huge thank you to the ladies who worked so hard hand stitching and putting on the binding on the beautiful quilt for the fall raffle. Also, thank you to the many businesses, parishioners, guild officers, chairs and co-chairs who contributed so generously. Because of you, our parish will once again have over \$8,000 in prizes. Tickets will be available at the spring brunch and raffle books will be given out later this summer.

### **Baptized in Christ**

The Assumption Church welcomes our newest member through the waters of baptism, Cale Darren Berg, son of Darren and Beth Berg. His baptismal ceremony was held on April 19<sup>th</sup>.

### Married in Christ

Congratulations to Jena Stommes and Ben Thorpe who were united in Christ on Saturday, April 18 at the St. Boniface Church in Cold Spring. Jena is the daughter of Mike & Delores Stommes.

# Guild Spring Cleaning

Thank you for everyone who helped with the Spring Cleaning this week!

### Congratulations!

Once again, congratulations to all our Confirmation Students. Sorry to those who were cut-off in last week's bulletin. Dyani Acosta, Mackenzie Field, Emily Frank, Hunter Flaschenriem, Carter Geislinger, Courtney Geislinger, Madeleine Geislinger, Kaitlyn Gruber, Trever Hesse, Destiny Hutchings, Joseph Kuechle, Blake Meyer, Mitchell Molitor, Benjamin Nistler, Alyson Och, Kallie Plantenberg, Sydney Ruhland, Miranda Scherer, Corine Schlangen, Elaina Stommes, Isaac Stommes, Jacob Streit.

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Communion

1st Communion will be held on Sunday, April 26th at 10:00 AM at the Assumption church. The following children will be making their 1st Holy Communion: Ellaree Anderson, Justin Becker, Reece Bischof, Jack Boyer, Nevaya Carlson, Mitchell Hemmesch, Hayli Hemingson, Aubri Inselman, Brinn Kuechle, Marissa Laudenbach, Treyce Ludwig, Wyatt Moehrle, Abby Niewind, Ethan Nohner, Carter Sogge, Hunter Sooge and Kylee Vossen. Practice will be at 9:30 AM on Saturday, April 25th.

### Gift Bearer & Greeter Sign-up

There will be sign-up sheets for anyone interested in being greeters or gift bearers for the weekend Masses. If interested, please sign your name and also list which Mass works best with your schedule (7 PM or 10 AM). Please consider signing up to help welcome people into our church and also to participate in the Liturgy of the Eucharist by carrying up the gifts.

# Usher Sign-up

The new usher schedule will be made and distributed soon. If you would like to be a <u>new</u> volunteer to help with this ministry please sign-up in the back of church and indicate which Mass best fits your schedule.

# Church of St. Anthony Bulletin Notes

### **Weekly Schedule**

Monday, Apr. 20: Mary's Cenacle, 7:00 PM Wednesday, Apr 22: Faith Formation Classes, 6:30 Thursday, Apr. 23: Thrift Store is open 9:00 AM Saturday, Apr. 24: Thrift Store is open 9:00 AM

# Ministry Schedule: April 25 & 26

Servers: 4 p.m. Ayana Ertl, Alex Ertl, Alder Ertl & Lesly Geislinger 8 a.m. Breanna Walz, Chloe Walz, Emily Walz & Madison Mueller

Lectors: 4 p.m. Mary Kay Kielty 8 a.m. Lauren Libbesmeier

#### **Eucharistic Ministers:**

4 p.m. Adam Teicher & Lori Unterberger 8 a.m. Rich & Arliss Stenger

**Ushers:** 4 p.m. Eldred Froehling, Leila Froehling, Jay Schoenecker & Alan Dockendorf 8 a.m. Jim Schreifels, Margie Schreifels,

8 a.m. Jim Schreifels, Margie Schreifels, Joe Rathmann & Leander Salzl

### Rosary Leaders:

4 p.m. Ramona Hokanson

8 a.m. Cele Asfeld & Ramona Hokanson

Homebound: Molly Schlangen, 764-2209

#### Church Cleaning - April 12-25

Davish Income

Karen Kramer, Ron Kramer, Flavian Kramer & Lynne Kramer and families

\*Please call Theresia at 764-7251 to unlock the church.

# Financial Blessings

Parish income	4/11-4/12	
Adult Envelopes	1867.00	Mass Attendance:
Easter Envelopes	395.00	Apr.11, 4:00 p.m. 1
Loose Plate	322.26	Apr.12,10:00 a.m. 2
Weekly Auto Drafts	90.00	Total 3
Youth	5.00	
Votive	21.50	
Holy Thursday	15.00	Thank you for your
Good Friday	5.00	Donations!
Building Fund	<u>6474.94</u>	
Total	\$9195.70	

 New Parish Center
 4/13/15

 Our Goal
 1,600,000.00

 Expenses Paid
 (\$135,907.31)

 Funds on Hand
 1,066,501.53

 Remaining Goal
 \$397,591.16

We reached our current "funds on hand" goal, but we still need an <u>additional</u> \$229,828.24 in <u>new</u> pledges.

### **Silent Auction Items**

The Church of St. Anthony's "Picnic in the Park" will, once again, include a silent auction. Please consider donating new items to the auction or make up your own basket. Think of some creative ideas and make people want to bid on your basket! Please contact Jeanne Olson for more details, 764-2910 or Theresia Linn at 764-7251.

### **Baptized in Christ**

The Church of St. Anthony welcomes our newest member through the waters of baptism, Flynn Archer Strohmeier, son of Michael and Breanne Strohmeier. He was baptized on April 18<sup>th</sup>.

### Caps-of-Love Update

We collected 44 lbs. of caps and shipped them at a cost of \$40.39. Kathleen Tschumperlin paid the postage for us. Thank you Kathleen. We will continue to collect caps until our Sept. 1 meeting, when we will sort and box them for shipping. Look for the boxes in church again. Thank you for all your support in this project. Kathy Erpelding, CCW Copresident.

### Words of the Risen Christ

The Church of St. Anthony welcomes anyone to attend our new discussion group "Words of the Risen Christ: A Bible Study on Jesus' Resurrection". We will meet at the St. Anthony rectory on Tuesdays at 11:00 AM. All are welcome!

### Fr. Gross' New Contact Info.

Father Gross has moved to the Garden View Apartments at the Hilltop Health Care Center. His new address will be 404 Luella Street Apt 1001, Watkins, MN 55389, phone: 764-1586.

### **VFW Breakfast**

The Wat-Kim-Valley VFW post 5460 will be hosting a breakfast on April 19, from 8 am - noon at the Watkins Village Hall. There will also be baked goods for sale along with a silent auction. Proceeds will go the Angelman Syndrome Foundation.

### **Festival Tickets**

Picnic in the Park is coming soon! We will have books of tickets to be picked up by all parishioners before and after the weekend Masses. Be sure to stop and pick up your tickets as soon as possible. Tickets will also be available for individuals to buy.

### **Festival News**

St. Anthony's "Picnic in the Park" will be held <u>SUNDAY</u>, <u>JUNE 21 (Father's Day)</u>, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. A Polka Mass will be at 10:00 AM followed by food and festivities. We hope that by shortening the festival times, this will encourage more people to come and participate. Also, worker shifts will be for 1 hour, and we hope this will encourage more parishioners to volunteer at the festival. Many hands make light work for the chair people, who have already devoted many hours to the festival planning before the day arrives.